

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 6 (before the "Field of the Invention" paragraph):

A/ --This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/375,453 titled "System and Method for Color Characterization with Applications in Color Measurement and Color Matching", filed August 17, 1999, whose inventors were Siming Lin and Dinesh Nair.--